

What OTCA would like to see

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Regulatory authority

how to get it.

The proposal in the report is to solicit the voluntary cooperation of the Motorcoach Industry. However, in doing so, there are some strings.

• There will be dispensation for buses dropping people off in Old Town. How do you best do this?

Very specific criterion to rank all streets. That way, voluntary permitting would assure a limit on the number of buses on any one street in any one time.

In essence, distribute the busses as much as possible.

After a study period,

City will shall seek legislative approval from Richmond to regulate tour buses

 Bus sizes should be limited to fewer than 20 feet (or reasonable alternative), as the current busses are too large and cumbersome for the infrastructure of Old Town. Permits should be required to drive in Old Town, and the number of busses should be limited. Old Town is a very walkable area in the city, and the historic ambiance is best enjoyed as a pedestrian, not in a motorcoach!

• The City should take advantage of that ambiance by encouraging more "historic walking" in particular with the young through both education and promotion of Old Town as an historic walking City

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